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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CHRISTOPHIDES

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1. FOLLOWING RETURN FROM WASHINGTON CONSULTATION, GOC  
FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES AND I MET JULY 7 FOR A TOUR D'HORIZON.
2. I TOLD CHRISTOPHIDES OF THE SUSTAINED, HIGH-LEVEL INTEREST  
THAT HAD BEEN CONFIRMED TO ME IN WASHINTON IN TERMS OF U.S.  
READINESS TO HELP A CYPRUS SOLUTION. IT HAD BEEN MADE CLEAR TO  
OUR VISITOR KYPRIANOU AND TO ME THAT USG IS PREPARED TO REENGAGE  
VIGOROUSLY IN WHATEVER WAY WE AND THE PARTIES DEEM MOST APPROPRI-  
ATE AS SOON AS WE HAVE A TURKISH GOVERNMENT WITH WHICH TO DEAL.  
IT HAD ALSO BEEN CLEAR THAT U.S. BELIEVES A SOLUTION WILL REQUIRE  
MUCH MORE MOVEMENT FROM BOTH REPEAT BOTH SIDES THAN HAS BEEN SEEN  
SEEN TO DATE.

3. I INFORMED CHRISTOPHIDES THAT I HAD ALSO FOUND GREAT INTEREST  
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AND SOME STRONG EMOTION IN WASHINGTON REGARDING THE OUTCOME OF  
THE DAVIES TRIAL. I HAD BEEN CLOSELY QUESTIONED IN CONGRESS AS  
TO WHETHER THERE WERE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS IN WHAT SEEMED TO  
THE AMERICAN PUBLIC TO BE SENTENCES DISPROPORTIONATELY LIGHT IN  
RELATION TO THE GRAVITY OF THE CRIME. WHILE I BELIEVED THAT MY  
EXPLANATIONS HAD CONVINCED MY QUESTIONERS THAT THE GOC HAD  
DONE THE BEST IT COULD WITH MATERIAL AT HAND, I SAID GOC SHOULD

BE AWARE OF THE ADVERSE REACTIONS IN AMERICA WHICH WOULD FOLLOW SHOULD THERE BE ANY ATTENUATION OF THE SENTENCES.

4. I INFORMED CHRISTOPHIDES (SINCE I WAS SURE HE ALREADY KNEW) THAT PROFESSOR HORST EHMKE HAD BEEN IN WASHINGTON AT THE TIME OF MY VISIT TO SOLICIT USG OPINION ABOUT A FURTHER ROLE FOR HIMSELF AND PERHAPS BRANDT IN THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AT THIS TIME. THE COLLECTIVE WASHINGTON RESPONSE HAD BEEN TO DISCOURAGE SUCH INVOLVEMENT NOW, ALTHOUGH WE WELCOME PROSPECT EUROPEAN SUPPORT AT AN APPROPRIATE LATER DATE.

5. FINALLY, AND WHILE DISAVOWING ANY INTENTION TO MIX MYSELF IN INTERNAL CYPRUS AFFAIRS, I MENTIONED AS A FRIEND THE VERY POOR PERFORMANCE BY ROSSIDES OVER UNFICYP RENEWAL WHICH HAD ILL-SERVED THE GOC IMAGE. CHRISTOPHIDES SAID ROSSIDES WOULD BE GOING THIS YEAR, BUT AGREED WHEN I REMARKED THAT I HAD HEARD THIS OFTEN BEFORE AND YET ROSSIDES REMAINED ON UNDER A SPECIAL PROTECTIVE MANDATE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP.

6. CHRISOTPHIDES THANKED ME FOR THE BRIEFING. WE DISCUSSED THE PROSPECTS IN TURKEY IN TERMS OF WHEN THE U.S. MIGHT BE ABLE TO RESUME A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

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7. CHRISTOPHIDES INQUIRED ABOUT KYPRIANOU'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND SAID HE HOPED THIS HAD DONE NO HARM. (HE DISLIKES AND DISTRUSTS KYPRIANOU.) CHRISTOPHIDES SAID MAKARIOS' SUMMARY INSTRUCTION TO KYPRIANOU BEFORE DEPARTURE HAD BEEN "WHATEVER YOUR PERSONAL VIEWS, BE POSITIVE IN WASHINGTON." I REPLIED THAT KYPRIANOU SEEMED TO ME TO HAVE HANDLED HIMSELF WELL. AT HIS REQUEST HE HAD BEEN WIDELY RECEIVED, INCLUDING A PRIVATE MEETING WITH SECRETARY VANCE AND A FURTHER LONG SESSION WITH MR. CLIFFORD.

8. CHRISTOPHIDES SAID HE HAD TWO FORMAL MATTERS THAT HE WISHED TO TAKE UP. ON JUNE 15, COUNSELOR NIMETZ HAD ASKED CYPRIOT CHARGE ANGELIDES WHETHER ARCHBISHOP AND CHRISTOPHIES "WOULD LIKE USG TO ENGAGE IN SUBSTANCE WITH THE TURKISH SIDE." (WE NOTE FROM PARA 2 REFTEL THAT NIMETZ' QUERY WAS NOT PUT IN THIS ONE-SIDED SENSE.) CHRISTOPHIDES SAID GOC'S CONSIDERED REPLY, APPROVED BY MAKARIOS, IS THAT IT WOULD LIKE U.S. TO DISCUSS SUBSTANCE WITH THE TURKS IN ANY WAY IT CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE AND USEFUL.

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9. CHRISTOPHIDES SAID A SUBJECT OF CONCERN TO GOC WAS RUMORS OF PRESSURES TO REDUCE UNFICYP. GOC FELT THIS WOULD BE DANGEROUS AND WOULD STRONGLY BE OPPOSED. I REPLIED THAT UNFICYP'S MOUNTING DEFICIT HAD PRODUCED QUESTIONS FROM NEW YORK AS TO HOW COSTS COULD BE CUT BY FORCE REDUCTIONS OR ANY OTHER MEANS. FROM MY CONSULTATION, I WAS AWARE THAT CONGRESS MIGHT ALSO QUESTION THE CONTINUATION OF POST-1974 U.S. CONTRIBUTION AT DOLLARS 9.6 MILLION ANNUALLY WHICH REPRESENTED 45 PER CENT OF ALL CONTRIBUTIONS. FORTUNATELY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES WOULD BE VISITING CYPRUS JULY 22-24 WITH A CENTRAL PURPOSE OF LOOKING INTO UNFICYP OPERATION. THIS WOULD PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR UNFICYP TO STATE ITS CASE UNDER CLOSE CRITIQUE. WE PLANNED TO ASK FOR A MEETING FOR MAYNES WITH CHRISTOPHIDES AND THIS WOULD GIVE GOC THE CHANCE TO FEED IN ITS VIEW. CHRISTOPHIDES SAID MAYNES' VISIT WILL BE MOST WELCOME.

10. NOTING THAT I HAD SOUGHT NO APPOINTMENT WITH ARCHBISHOP SINCE HIS HEART ATTACK IN APRIL, HAVING  
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NOTHING SPECIFIC TO DISCUSS AND RELUCTANT TO IMPOSE ON  
HIS CONVALESCENCE, I SAID I WOULD PROBABLY BE GOING ON  
LEAVE IN TEN DAYS AND THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL IF THE  
ARCHBISHOP AND I WERE TO HAVE A GENERAL TALK BEFORE  
THEN. CHRISTOPHIDES URGED THAT I DO SO. I WILL,  
ACCORDINGLY, BE SEEING MAKARIOS NEXT WEEK AND WILL  
ALSO BE MEETING DENKTASH. IF THE DEPARTMENT HAS  
ANYTHING SPECIFIC IT WISHES ME TO RAISE IN EITHER MEET-  
ING, PLEASE ADVISE.  
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